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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ended 31st December, 1948.

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Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my first Annual Report.

The past year has been one that has witnessed great change in the administration of the health services and these have necessarily affected local authorities.

I am, Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres.	2,208
Population (Census 1931)	3,178
Population 1948 (Registrar Generals No's Year Estimate).	2,930
Number of Inhabited houses (End of 1948) according to the Rate Books.	1001
Rateable Value (1st April 1948)	£.25,057.
Product of Penny Rate (at 31st March 1948)	£.99. -. 10.

Physical Characteristics of Area.

The area is hilly in character with a wealth of pleasantly wooded slopes rising from a level of 400 ft, at the River Goyt to the highest point of 1,018 ft, above mean sea level. On the north west boundary the residential area of Jackson's Edge follows roughly the line of the 700 ft contour.

Through the centre of the area runs the trunk road to Stockport on the west, and Buxton on the east. Development has always tended to follow this road and along its length most of the building has at various times taken place.

The area is residential in character, the majority of the residents working in Manchester, and the larger towns; it could, in effect, be termed a dormitory for the larger towns.

Agriculture forms the basic industry, the nature of the countryside lending itself to dairy farming. Many of the local inhabitants are employed at a large paper mill situated in the valley beside the Goyt.

Vital Statistics of the Year.

1. Births.

Live Births.	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate.	32.	17.	15.
Illegitimate.	1.	1.	-
Total.	33.	18.	15.
Birth Rate.	11.2		

2. Still Births.

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate.	0	0	0
Illegitimate.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births = 0

3. Deaths.

	Total.	M.	F.
Crude death rate.	35.	22.	13.
	35	22	13.

Deaths from Puerpural Causes.

(a) Puerpural Sepsis. - 0
(b) Other Puerpural Causes - 0

Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births. - N I L.

Infantile Mortality.

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate.	NIL.	NIL	NIL
Illegitimate.	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total.	NIL	NIL	NIL

Rates.

All infants per 1,000 live births. ..... Nil

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..... Nil

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..... Nil

	Total.	M.	F.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5.	4.	1.
Deaths from Measles. " "	0	0	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0	0	0

Deaths Classified by Ages.

Age.	Total.	M.	F.
0 - 1.	0	0	0
1 - 5.	1.	1.	0
5 -10.	0	0	0
10 - 15.	0	0	0
15 - 20.	0	0	0
20 - 30.	0	0	0
30 - 40.	1	1	0
40 - 50.	1	1	0
50 - 60.	7	5	2
60 - 70.	7	4	3
70 - 80.	13.	8	5
80 - 90.	5.	2	3
Over 90.	0	0	0
	35	22	13

Classification of Deaths 1948.

Cause of Death.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever.	0	0	0
2. Cerebrospinal Fever.	0	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
4. Pertussis.	0	0	0
5. Diphtheria.	0	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	0	1	1
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	0	0	0
8. Syphilitic Diseases.	0	0	0
9. Influenza	0	0	0
10. Measles.	0	0	0
11. Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis	0	0	0
12. Acute Infectious Encephalitis.	0	0	0
13. Cancer of (a) Buccal Cavity (M)	0	0	0
(b) Uterus (F)	0	0	0
14. Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum.	1	0	1
15. Cancer of Breast.	0	0	0
16. Cancer of all other Sites.	3	1	4
17. Diabetes.	0	0	0
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	0	2	2
19. Heart Diseases.	9	3	12
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	2	2	4
21 Bronchitis.	0	0	0
22. Pneumonia.	0	0	0
23. Other Respiratory Diseases.	0	0	0
24. Ulceration of Stomach & Duodenum	0	0	0
25. Diarrhoea (under 2)	0	0	0
26. Appendicitis.	0	0	0
27. Other Digestive Diseases.	0	0	0
28. Nephritis.	1.	0	1

	Male.	Female.	Total.
29. Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis.	0	0	0
30. Other Maternal Causes.	0	0	0
31. Premature Birth.	0	0	0
32. Congenital Malformation, Birth Injury Infantile Diseases.	0	0	0
33. Suicide.	2	0	2
34. Road Traffic. Accidents.	1	0	1
35. Other Violent Causes.	1	1	2
36. All other causes.	2	2	4
ALL CAUSES	22	12	34.

SECTION B.

General Provisions of Health Division in the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.

1. Bacteriological examinations required by the Council and medical practitioners in the area are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital Newton Heath, Manchester,.
   In the course of the year the following examinations were made :-

	Total	Positive	Negative.
Swabs for Diphtheria	2	-	2
Specimens for Typhiod.	0	0	0
		Failed.	Passed.
Milk for Methylene Blue Test.	66	16	50
" " Coliform Bacillus.	57	7	50
Water (a) Chemical.	1	0	1
		Positive.	Negative.
(b) Bacteriological.	2	0	2
		Failed.	Passed.
Samples taken by Cheshire County Council.	7	2	5
		Positive.	Negative.
Sputum Examinations for Tuberculosis.	5	0	5

Ambulance Facilities.

The control of the Ambulance Services and the responsibility for them passed from the local authorities to the Regional Hospital Boards under the Ministry of Health. Under the new service no difficulty has been experienced in having patients removed to Hospital.

Professional Nursing in the Area.

Nursing facilities are not provided by the local authority.
The District Nurse of the County District Nursing Association is available for general and maternity work. A Health Visitor of the County Council also serves the area.

Over the years the local branch of the British Red Cross Society have had a band of skilled volunteers who have willingly given of their time and their leisure to the needs of home nursing.

Maternity and Nursing Homes.

No facilities are available in the area.

Hospitals.

Cases of infectious disease are taken to the Hyde Isolation Hospital, which is now under the jurisdiction of the Ashton, Hyde and Glossop Hospital Management Committee. Formerly the Council had two beds reserved for local cases at this Hospital.

Clinic and Treatment Centres.

No clinical treatment is available in the area. An Infant Welfare Centre provided by the Cheshire County Council is held on alternative weeks at the Council Offices. This is always well attended.

Mortuary.

No mortuary is available in the area, but the Council have an arrangement for the use of that belonging to the Urban District Council of Hazel Grove and Bramhall.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Water.

The majority of the houses in the area are supplied with water from the mains of the Stockport Corporation. Some farms and several isolated houses are still without a piped supply. They rely mostly, for their supply, on natural wells and springs, few actually having their own boreholes. The cost of laying mains to some of these isolated premises would be very high and this has acted as a deterent; in other cases thephysical characteristics of the land itself make it an almost impossible task.

The supply of water is of exceptional quality and is subject to frequent bacteriological and chemical analysis by the Stockport Corporation. A typical analysis, selected at random is reported on as follows:-

Sample.	-	Water from householder's tap.
Physical Characteristics.	-	Free from odour and organic deposits; clear and colourless in appearance.
Opinion.	-	First class organic quality and a desirable degree of softness.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The major portion of the premises in the area are connected to the Council's sewers. Properties which are not are usually in such isolated positions that it is impracticable to connectithem to the sewers. The two sewage disposal works owned by the Council have performed their functions satisfactorily during the year. Difficulty was experienced in the disposal of the sludge, but this has now been overcome. A farmer in the area now utilises it after drying for his land. There have been no new works of sewerage or sewage disposal undertaken during the year.

(a) Rivers and Streams.

The River Goyt forms the Northern Boundary of the District and the effluents from the larger sewage works at Waterside discharge into it. Sampling of the effluents by the Catchment Board frequently takes place. These prove satisfactory.

(b) Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets.....	953.
Slop Water Closets	1.
Privies	17
Pail Closets	35
Dry Ashpits	14
Ashbins	974

(c) Public Cleansing.

The direct labour refuse service instituted by the Council has continued to function satisfactorily. Refuse, salvage and the contents of the pail closets have been regularly collected by it. The contents of the pail closets are tipped into the specially designed tank which can be fitted to the vehicle. Discharge of the contents takes place by tipping into the Council's sewer.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's Greenshall Tip. After discharge the refuse is covered by a 6" layer of ashes, which is raked and spread over it. The face of the tip is also dressed with ashes and constantly raked and levelled.

Salvage Collection.

The following figures give the amount of salvage collected during the year and the value it was sold for. The high figure of 8 tons 10 cwts was the result of a Salvage Week.

	Amount	Estimated Value.
January.	2 tons $10\frac{3}{4}$ cwts.	£. 11. -. -d.
February.	2 " $5\frac{1}{2}$ "	£. 10. -. -d.
March	1 " 11 "	£. 6. 10. -d.
April.	2 " $8\frac{3}{4}$ "	£. 11. -. -d.
May.	2 " 8 "	£. 10. -. -d.
June.	1 " $13\frac{1}{4}$ "	£. 8. -. -d.
July.	6 " 5 "	£. 24. -. -d.
August.	8 " $10\frac{1}{2}$ "	£. 41. 10. -d.
September.	4 " $17\frac{3}{4}$ "	£. 21. -. -d.
October.	4 " $13\frac{3}{4}$ "	£. 20. -. -d.
November.	5 " $4\frac{1}{2}$ "	£. 22. 10. -d.
December.	3 " 5 "	£. 15. -. -d.
TOTAL	45 " $3\frac{1}{4}$ "	£.200. 10. -d.

(d) Rodent Control.

A full time rodent operative is shared by Disley and two neighbouring authorities.

The Council's sewers were treated for rat infestation during the year. Infestation at both treatment periods found to be slight.

The sewage works and refuse tip were inspected regularly and treated when necessary.

At the main sewage works by the River Goyt it was found that rats were living in the bank of the river. This was treated and no further trouble was experienced. 21 infestations in private property were successfully dealt with.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) Number of Inspections Made:

Houses - Public Health Acts	68
Houses - Housing Acts (including inspections under Rural Housing Survey)	280
Complaints investigated	20
Restaurant Kitchens	6
Factories	26
Work Places	4
Infectious disease - visits in connection with	20
Rats and Mice Acts	63
Tents, Vans and Sheds	12
Shop Acts	25
Interviews with Owners, etc	12
re-visits to Property under Notice	130
Bakehouses	7
Fried Fish Shops	5
Butcher's Shops	11
Other Food Shops	8
Ice Cream Premises	15
Dairies, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops	38
Tinned Food and Other Articles of Food	8
Houses Disinfected	2
Houses Disinfested	0
Miscellaneous	187
	947

Number of Notices.

1. Informal.	Served.	Complied With.
Public Health Acts.	55	47
Housing Acts.	1	0
Milk and Dairies Orders.	3	3
Factories Act 1937.	5	5
Shops Acts.	5	5
2. Statutory.		
Public Health Act.	1	1
Housing Act.	0	0

3. Shops and Offices.

(a) Shops. Visits of inspection were made to shops in the area.

(b) Offices. There are relatively few large offices in the area, and during the year no cases were found where action under the provisions of the Public Health Act was required.

4. Camping Sites.

There is one permanent camp in the area. This provides accommodation for people of both sexes between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Supervised by a voluntary committee and managed by a resident caretaker the camp has been well managed.

5. Smoke Abatement.

No smoke observations have had to be made during the year.

6. Schools.

The area is served by one elementary school and one small private school. Water supply and closet accommodation in both cases are satisfactory.

7. Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of bed bug infestation was discovered during the year; and no complaints were received.

SECTION D - HOUSING.

Existing Housing.

During the year the Rural Housing Survey was completed. The houses in the area have been classed into their respective categories. The overall figures are given.

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES INSPECTED. 693

Class A House fit for habitation or requiring interior repairs only 479

Class B. Houses fit for habitation but requiring repair 63

Class C. Houses requiring reconditioning or reconstruction 104

Class D. Houses recommended for demolition ..... 47.

Total. 693

The classification in greater detail is as follows:-

Baths.

Houses with a fixed bath.	336.
Houses without a fixed bath	357

Artifical Lighting.

Houses with Electric Lighting	457
Houses with Gas Lighting	170
Houses with Oil Lamps	48

Drainage and Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses with connection to sewer	602
Houses connected to Cesspools or Treatment Tanks	34
Houses with Water Closets	625
Houses with Waste Water Closets	7
Houses where Water Closet is shared	10
Houses with Pail Closets	48
Houses with Privies	2
Houses with Privy Middens	12
Houses with Ash Pits	12
Houses with Dust Bins	660

Water Supply.

Mains water laid on	661
Private supply laid on	32
Private Supplies not laid on	8

Sinks.

White Glazed Sinks	444
Unsuitable or Unsanitary Sinks	249

Washing Accommodation.

No washing accommodation	73

Housing Act 1936

During the year one notice was served under Section 11 of the above Act. The owners did not carry out the works to render the premises fit for human habitation and the property was accordingly closed.

New Housing.

No new housing, either Council or private enterprise, was completed during the year. The Council are fully aware of the needs of the area, and steps are being taken to obtain permission to build 12 houses.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

The area is on the edge of the great Cheshire Plain, and the farms are generally of small acreage - probably 120 acres being the largest in the area. Fertility varies very considerably from farm to farm, and owing to the hilly nature of the district fields are small.

On the Register there are 20 Cowkeepers, the majority of whom dispose of either the whole or part of their Milk by retail. Sixteen are undesignated producers and four have obtained accredited standard.

Thirty-eight inspections to farms and their dairies were carried out during the year. Improvements in methods of milking and enquipment have been secured, the results of the work are manifest in the gradual but continued improvement in the quality of the samples.

Milk Sampling.

The number of samples submitted during the year is as follows:-

	Total.	Positive.	Negative.
(a) Tuberculosis	41	3	38
		Failed.	Passed.
(b) Bacteriological Count and Coloform Bacillus	57	7	50
(c) Methylene Blue Reduction Test.	66	16	50
(d) Phosphates Test.	7	1	6

Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936, 1938 and 1946.

5 Dealer's Licences to use the designation Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) and and 2 Supplementary Licences to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk were issued during the year.

Meat Inspection.

The area is served by the Ministry of Food Centralised Slaughterhouse, at New Mills. Inspection is carried out there by the Council's Meat Inspector and only meat which has been passed by him is delivered to the three Butcher's Shops in the area.

Other Food Premises.

	Number	Inspections.	Notices.
Fried Fish Shops.	2	5	1
Restaurants and Cafes	7	8	1
Ice Cream Premises.	5	15	-
Butchers and Preserved Food Manufacturers.	6	29	-
Wet Fish Shops.	2	2	-
Bakers and Bakehouses.	2	7	-

Grocers and provision shops and premises holding catering licences were also inspected.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

There have been no new applications under the above Act during the year. The three licenced slaughtermen on the register made application for the renewal of their licences and this was granted.

Report on Food Samples.

The following particulars have been supplied by the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Cheshire County Council.

Number of Samples taken up to 31st December 1948.

Milk.	Total	Genuine.	Reported. - Against.
	7	6	1

Reported Against.

Sample No.3346 - Milk. This sample was 5% deficient in Milk Fat,.

FACTORIES ACT 1937.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which Sect.1,2,3,4, & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	4	12	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) to which Sect 7 applies.				
(a) Subject to Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938.	-	-	-	-
(b) Others.	9	14	4	-
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding Out-workers Premises)	1	-	-	-
Total.	14.	26	5	-

Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars.	Numbers of cases in which defects were found. Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M.Inspt.	by H.M.Inspt.	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of Cleanliness (SI)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding. (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable. (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Vent (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage,	-	-	-	-	-
of Floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective.	5	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to homework)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	5	4	-	-	-

SECTION F - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year the Notifications were:

	Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever.	2	1
Whooping Cough.	8	-
Measles.	5	-
Pneumonia.	1	-
Polioencephalitis.	-	-
Polio-myelitis.	-	-
	16.	1

Infectious Diseases in age Groups.

Age.	Scarlet Fever.	Whopping Cough.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Polio - myelitis.	Polio - encephalitis.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-2	-	1	1	-	-	-
2 - 3	-	2	2	-	-	-
3 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 - 5	-	1	1	-	-	-
5 - 10	2	3	1	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	2	8	5	1	-	-

Scarlet Fever. - There were two cases of Scarlet Fever during the year; the same number of cases occurred in 1947.

Infantile Paralysis; - Fortunately no outbreaks of Infantile Paralysis occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis. - New Cases and Mortality during 1948.
The number of cases remaining on the register at the end of 1948 was:-

	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
Males.	4	1
Females.	4	5
	8	6

There was one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis in the area during the year. One new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year.